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IN RESPONSE REFTEL FOLLOWING IS ARTICLE BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT HENRI PIERRE THAT APPEARED ON INSIDE PAGE OF JUNE 7 LE MONDE UNDER HEADLINE "NEW AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA BRINGS RESHUFFLE AT STATE DEPARTMENT."

BEGIN TEXT: "IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY PLAYBOY THIS WEEK, MR. ANDREW YOUNG, THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N., DECLARED THAT A RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD INEVITABLY PROVOKE A RACIAL CONFLICT IN THE UNITED STATES, "WHERE THE WHITES, SEIZED WITH PANIC, WOULD ATTACK THE BLACKS". ACCORDING TO HIM, IF THE WHITES WERE MASSACRED BY THE BLACKS IN RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD INTERVENE AND AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FLY TO THE RESCUE OF THEIR RACIAL BROTHERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO REMARKS OF MR. CASTRO GIVEN ON MAY 19 TO THE JOURNALIST BARBARA WALTERS, THE GRADUAL EVACUATION OF CUBAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA WOULD BE SUSPENDED

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DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL IN RESPONSE TO THE FRANCO-MOROCCAN INTERVENTION IN ZAIRE.

THE NOMINATION OF MR. RICHARD MOOSE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA AS REPLACEMENT FOR MR. SCHAUFELE, ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY JUNE 3, IS THE PRELUDE OF A GENERAL RESHUFFLING OF THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT. TWO OF MR. SCHAUFELE'S THREE ASSISTANTS MUST BE

REPLACED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THERE IS A QUESTION OF
CREATING A FOURTH POST FOR AN
ASSISTANT CHARGED ESPECIALLY WITH AFRICAN ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE THEY
EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT IS INVOLVED IS A NORMAL CHANGE
CONFORMING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATING HIGH OFFICIALS OF
THE DEPARTMENT, THE RESHUFFLE TAKES, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
NEW AMERICAN DIPLOMACY VIS-A-VIS AFRICA, A CLEAR
MEANING. CERTAINLY, THE DEPARTURE OF MR. SCHAUFELE
HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. EVEN THOUGH
HE BEGAN THE TURN IN AMERICAN POLICY PASSING FROM SOLI-
DARITY WITH "WHITE AFRICA TO SUPPORT OF "MAJORITY
RULE" FAVORING THE ACCESSION TO POWER OF AFRICAN GO-
VERNMENTS. MR. SCHAUFELE, APPOINTED BY MR. KISSINGER,
WAS BY DEFINITION SUSPECT IN THE EYES OF THE YOUNG
TEAM OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS DESIRING TO GO EVEN
FARTHER IN THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE MOVEMENTS OF
AFRICANIZATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, ON SEVERAL OCCA-
SIONS THE AFRICAN BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE HAS CORRECTED, IN THE SAME DENIAL, CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE
DECLARATIONS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG, PERMANENT RE-
PRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
AS MUCH CONCERNING THE CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN
AFRICA AS ON THE "ILLEGALITY" OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
PRETORIA. BUT, STRONG FROM THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT
CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, MR. YOUNG HANDLED
MORE EASILY THE CRITICISMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SINCE HE KNEW A SHUFFLE WAS IMMINENT. IF HE
DID NOT PROVOKE HE NO DOUBT ACCELERATED THE DEPARTURE
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OF MR. SCHAUFELE, LIKELY TO BE CALLED TO TAKE THE
EMBASSY IN ATHENS. THE NOMINATION OF MR. MOOSE, WHO
ABANDONS A HIGHER POST IN THE HIERARCHY (HE WAS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION) REINFORCES
THE ACTIVIST ELEMENTS WHO PRESIDE OVER THE ELABORATION
OF AFRICAN POLICY. MR. MOOSE WILL WORK WITH
MESSRS. DAVID AARON, PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR NUMBER
TWO FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AND ANTHONY LAKE,
DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PLANS OF THE DEPARTMENT. MR.
LAKE, AUTHOR OF A VERY CRITICAL BOOK ON KISSINGER'S
AFRICA POLICY, EXERTS BEHIND THE SCENES IMPORTANT
INFLUENCE IN THE FORMATION OF AFRICAN POLICY AND WORKS
ACTIVELY IN THE COORDINATION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH
VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM.
THE CLOSE TIES OF
MR. MOOSE TO LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS OF THE
CONGRESS HAVE SURELY FACILITATED HIS NOMINATION. HE
SERVED AS A YOUNG DIPLOMAT IN AFRICA BEFORE BEING
ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND AFTER

1969, WAS PART OF THE STAFF OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT,
FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF THERE THROUGH NUMEROUS
ON THE SPOT STUDIES. IN THIS CAPACITY HE WENT TO AFRICA
IN 1975 ALONG WITH SENATOR CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE
AFRICAN SUB-COMMITTEE AND DECLARED ADVERSARY OF MR.
KISSINGER'S POLICY. BOTH OPPOSED WITH SUCCESS THE
DIPLOMACY OF MR. KISSINGER IN SUPPORT OF THE ANGOLAN
FACTIONS SUPPORTED BY THE CIA. THE PRESENCE OF MR.
MOOSE BESIDE AARON AND LAKE ORIENTS DEFINITELY THE
AFRICAN POLICY OF WASHINGTON IN THE DIRECTION OF A
GREATER FIRMNESS TOWARD THE LEADERS OF "WHITE" AFRICA
AND OF GREATER COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN LEADERS.
CERTAINLY, THE RESHUFFLE SHOULD PUT AN END TO THE
FIGHTS FOR INFLUENCE INSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION.
WITHOUT FOR ALL THAT GUARANTEEING THAT AMERICA WOULD
FROM NOW ON EXPRESS ITSELF WITH A SINGLE VOICE ON
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AFRICAN PROBLEMS. IN A CERTAIN SENSE, MOREOVER,
THE WHITE HOUSE FINDS ADVANTAGE IN KEEPING TWO DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES DEPENDING ON THE INTERLOCUTORS AND THE
TASK AT HAND."

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